IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Heinz-Hermann BOKEL et al. Examiner: Zinna Northington Davis

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Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF NICOTINAL DEHYDES

REPLY

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action issued July 15, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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